

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99-369)

PATENT

In re Application of: Brewer et al. )  
Serial No.: 08/484,337 )  
Filed: June 7, 1995 )  
For: Nucleic Acids Encoding Tumor )  
Necrosis (TNF) Inhibitor )  
and Method For Obtaining Same )

Before the Examiner: L. Spector

Group Art Unit: 1647

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to a conversation with the Examiner on September 12, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to their undersigned representative which has materially advanced prosecution of this application.

In the Specification:

Please amend the abstract to read as follows:

The present invention provides nucleic acid molecules encoding a 30 kDa TNF inhibitor or a fragment thereof having at least one non-native cysteine residue at the N-terminus, C-terminus, residue 14, or residue 15.

In the Claims:

Please cancel non-elected claims 78 and 79 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Applicants contend that no new matter has been added as a result of the above-described